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ETHICS REFORM — A SMALL STEP FORWARD

By Carol Mellor and Anne Marshall

The Governor has, for the past two legislative sessions, used the budget process to advance issues important to him. This makes for a rather unusual process. The Governor proposes the legislation, discussions are held among the leaders of the legislature, and the resultant package of budget measures and proposed laws is subject to an up and down vote by the legislative body. Hearings, opportunity for debate, opportunity for organized public input and even adequate opportunity for the legislators to read the proposals before voting on them are sacrificed in an attempt to pass an on-time budget.

One of the issues in this year's budget process was ethics rules for legislators. The resultant laws which were enacted law provide for:

- stronger and more complete disclosure of outside income
- pension forfeiture risks for all public officials convicted of corruption
- per diem reform which requires a legislator to show that he was actually in Albany as a condition for receipt of per diem compensation
- marginally tighter restrictions on personal use of campaign funds

But the consensus of the League and other good government groups was that these partial solutions are insufficient to fully address the growing problem of Albany corruption and that stronger ethics reforms are required to end the climate of corruption.

The provisions passed do not go far enough:

- The expanded disclosure requirements may not be comprehensive enough to reach all types of income received by attorney/legislators.
- The reform of the per diem system will require legislators to prove their presence in Albany for legislative business, but does not require receipts and thus does little to ensure reimbursement is issued for actual expenses.
- The changes related to personal use of campaign funds accomplish little.

What is notable is what is not in the agreement – legislative compensation overhaul, desperately needed stronger ethics enforcement with greater public transparency of votes, comprehensive campaign finance reform with public financing that closes the LLC loophole and bans all personal use of campaign funds, reduced limits on contributions and housekeeping accounts, and transfers from party committees to candidates, strong disclosure and accountabil-

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Suffolk County Annual Meeting
County Legislator Al Krupski
Tuesday, May 5 at 11:30 a.m.,
Cooperage Inn, Calverton, NY

LWVH Annual Meeting
Congressman Lee Zeldin

Sunday, May 17th,
1:00pm – 3:00pm

Southampton Cultural Center

Join us as we hear for the first time from our new Congressman and learn about his agenda and priorities. Voting is an important part of our annual meeting as we elect our officers and directors, approve our budget and by-law changes and set our priorities for the coming year. It's a good time to get acquainted and re-acquainted with friends old and new. Refreshments are served.

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The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons

Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Diversity Policy

The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons, in both its values and practices, is committed to diversity and pluralism. This means that there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the League on the basis of economic position, gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability. The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that inclusiveness enhances the organization's ability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs. The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of the East End.

Membership

Any person who supports the mission of the League may become a member.

The Voter Newsletter

The newsletter of the Hamptons League, *The Voter*, is dedicated to bringing useful information, background, perspective and commentary on public policy issues confronting League members and other community citizens in Southampton and East Hampton, Suffolk County and the State of New York. It explores the work of the League to promote positive solutions, and it empowers people to make a difference in their communities.

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President's Message

By Glorian Berk

Our local league is part of a larger organization, within the national, state and county leagues. Every other year, the national and state leagues have a convention at which all local leagues participate. In 2015, the New York State League will hold its 56th biennial convention in Albany, New York on June 5-7. The Hamptons league will be a big presence there.

This biennial convention is a time to meet dynamic leaders from around the state, make new friends and renew old friendships. New leaders learn the basics of league operation and newer league members can be bitten by the "League" bug. It is an opportunity to improve our local league's use of technology so that we are more effective with less work.

It is also a wonderful exercise of grassroots democracy in action, where delegates representing the local leagues come together to make the important decisions that will guide us through the next biennium including the election of officers and directors, adoption of a budget and bylaws amendments, and the adoption of the state program for 2015-2017.

The Hamptons League will be represented by five delegates: Judy Samuelson, Judi Roth, Carol Mellor, Susan Wilson and Barbara McClancy. Both Carol and Susan are on the State Board but will be representing our league. The agenda for the convention will include two plenary sessions when delegates will vote on the election of officers and directors, adopt a budget, approve any bylaw amendments and approve the adoption of the state program. Dispersed throughout the two days of the convention are workshops addressing a variety of issues. Some of these include League for New Board Members, Creative Management, Advocacy and Issues, Environment Issues – How to Take Action, Youth Programs of Local Leagues, Vote 411 and Public Relations and Social Networking. Judi Roth will be presenting the work of our Education Committee as part of the Youth Programs workshop. As you can see, our delegates will be very busy and hopefully will bring back some great ideas for improving our Hamptons league.

Awards are given at the convention based on local league submissions. The Hamptons League has submitted two entries: in the education category, our Education Committee's work with the Southampton Town Youth Court and a group of local Girl Scouts to help them earn their government badge. In the "Thinking Out Of The Box" category, we have nominated our Special Events Committee for their innovative local tours. These events were successful in three ways – attracting non-members to the events, bringing in new members to the League and raising funds. Let's hope that we bring home one or two awards!

Look for results of this convention in a future Voter.

League Enlightens All on School Merger Issue

By Arlene Hinkemeyer

Proving true to its title, the League’s April 13 forum at Southampton’s Rogers Memorial Library provided participants with plenty of insight on “School Mergers: What You Need to Know.” The noted panel, moderated by LWVH Education Committee chair Judi Roth, was composed of NYS Assemblyman Fred Thiele, on the role of the state; Southampton Superintendent of Schools Dr. Scott Farina (stepping in for School Board President Heather McCallion who took ill), on the financial impact on budgets and taxes; Eastern Suffolk BOCES Chief Operating Officer Dr. Julie Lutz, on the role of BOCES; and Tuckahoe Superintendent of Schools Chris Dyer, on the impact on students and curriculum.

Framing the topic as examining “both the economic and academic impact,” Ms. Roth said it was important to consider the question, “Do the benefits outweigh the costs in the long term and short term?”

Assemblyman Thiele opened by explaining that there are many types of school districts in New York State, all created by the State and all consolidations are governed by state law. However, the state cannot mandate merger; the locality has

to decide. At one time there were thousands of school districts in NYS but now about 700. Still, Assemblyman Thiele said his 1st Assembly District, with 21, has the most of any A.D. in NYS. Twelve of the 21 districts have enrollments under 1,000 and thus have high per pupil costs, due to low economies of scale. He recounted three merger initiatives—that of Eastport-South Manor, which succeeded; East



Part of the audience of about 70.

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ity for all executive and legislative discretionary lump sum funds, and a commitment to undertake the necessary examination and full-scale overhaul of our ethics and campaign finance laws

The League also believes that the agency charged with enforcement of the ethics laws (JCOPE) needs strengthening of both its structure and powers to restore public faith in the commitment of our state government to true ethics reform. With the proposed increase in disclosure requirements, and other reforms, the resources allocated should be devoted to strengthening the agency’s ability to interpret, review and enforce the new statutory requirements.

Thus the work is not done and the League will continue to advocate for stronger and more meaningful ethics reform to restore public trust in NYS government.

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SAVE THE DATES

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING (PIM)

Drinking Water: Faucet, Filter or Bottled – Informed Choices

***Monday, June 8th,
6:30pm – 8:30pm***

Parrish Hall, Southampton Hospital

This cleverly named public information meeting deals with a serious topic. Panelists from SWCA and the SC Health Department will be on hand joined by a filter manufacturer and a bottled water representative.

LWVNY State Convention

***June 5-7th,
Desmond Hotel, Albany, NY***

Health Committee Report

South Fork Behavioral Health Initiative Obtains Funding

By Valerie King

Senator Ken LaValle and Assemblyman Fred Thiele announced that they have secured \$175,000 in the New York State Budget to expand the work of the South Fork Behavioral Health Initiative. This is the second year that this initiative, which focuses on “expanding the breadth and scope of mental health services in our schools” has been funded.

Adam Fine, Principal of East Hampton High School, an advocate for enhanced mental health services for youth, said: “Given the wealth of other matters and issues affecting our State, it is unbelievable that our little corner of the State can receive funding two years in a row. When government works like this, we can save lives.”

The new \$175,000 will help implement Phase 2 of the program which will expand the crises services and clinical staff

availability established in Phase 1 and will establish a new Community Behavioral Healthcare Collaborative.

Joining this program and helping to secure funding have been Suffolk County, Southampton Hospital, Stony Brook Hospital, South Fork Towns, South Fork School Districts, the Family Service League and mental health care providers. This initiative, galvanized by youth suicides and many stories of limited access to services, is a new, unprecedented community-based effort. “These funds will enable us to continue our efforts to provide critical mental health services for adolescents on the East End”, said Robert S. Chaloner, President and CEO of Southampton Hospital.

Members of our Health Committee have attended meetings of this Behavioral Health Initiative and have lobbied for its expansion.

Government Committee Report

By Estelle Gellman

The Government Committee is being revitalized and all interested League members are invited to join us. The Committee members research issues being considered by governmental bodies, observe town board meetings, speak to civic groups and lobby our representatives. The committee studied the Council/Manager model of government, which led to the LWVH's support for the adoption of a Town Manager in East Hampton, and is currently looking into the con-

solidation of the disparate election days for local elections.

The committee also leads our participation in studies of government issues sponsored by the National and NY State Leagues.

The Government Committee will be meeting on April 29th at 10:30 a.m. in the Literacy Room at the Hampton Library.

We hope you can join us. If you are interested in joining the committee but can't make the meeting, please contact me, Estelle Gellman, at government@lwvhampptons.org

Meeting our Students Who Are Going to Albany

by Judi Roth

On a cold rainy day in late April, Nancy Walters-Yvertes and I visited Southampton High School to meet the two selected students who will be representing our League at the State's “Students Inside Albany” program. When we left although the sun still wasn't shining, our spirits certainly were.

Senior Sarah Pierson and Junior William Taylor Reddick are such terrific kids. Sarah will be going to Gettysburg College where she plans to major in political science and wants to become a legislative attorney. She has already been to Albany where she lobbies for the American Heart Association.

William wants a career in business, finance and politics and is doing an internship in a community service organization.

Of course William also plays the drums, bass and violin and Sarah's favorite musicians are Bruno Mars and the Jonas



League members Nancy Walters-Yvertes (left) and Judi Roth (right) meet with Southampton High School students Sarah Pierson and William Taylor Reddick.

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Moriches-Center Moriches, which did not go forward; and the present Southampton-Tuckahoe discussion (which has failed twice at the polls). Mergers throughout the state have had difficulty winning approval if there are winners and losers; both sides need to win.

Dr. Farina recounted the process whereby the schools had undertaken a feasibility study which examined the academic and economic impact of merger. The first straw vote on October 29, 2013 passed in Tuckahoe and failed in Southampton. Then State Senator Ken LaValle and Assemblyman Thiele developed a bill to help ease the school tax increase in Southampton over a 10-year period. The second straw vote on November 18, 2014 also failed in Southampton but by a smaller margin. "It is in the best interest of our school districts, and we would like to merge but have no plans to bring it back," concluded Dr. Farina.

Dr. Lutz first described the work of ESBOCES as one of 37 Boards of Cooperative Educational Services in NYS, who function as arms of the State Education Department. ESBOCES educates 5,000 students, many in Special Education and Career & Technical Education; 5,000 in adult education; and also provides professional development, curriculum support and back office shared services for school districts within its boundaries. She provided a brief history of mergers in NYS, the elements of success or failure, and the role of BOCES as facilitators,

Mr. Dyer explained the strong merger support in Tuckahoe because of its downward cash flow problem, with over 27% of its budget allocated for student tuition to Southampton and BOCES. He listed the many academic, technological, extracurricular, and community benefits of a merger, as provided in the feasibility study, and said that Tuckahoe is strongly committed to providing a "quality, efficient and effective" education.

In the audience of approximately 70 people were Superintendents of Schools, school officials, school board members, parents and League members. A Tuckahoe board member and parent of four children asked Thiele if he could extend the gradual 10-year tax increase for Southampton homeowners to 20 years or beyond, because it might help increase the yes vote. Thiele said it may well be a worthwhile attempt. The forum ended on that positive note.



Moderating was LWVH Education Committee chair Judi Roth.



Montauk Sup't of Schools Jack Perna proposed a merger in East Hampton Town.



The knowledgeable panelists for the April 13 forum on "School Mergers: What You Need to Know" were, left to right, Tuckahoe Sup't of Schools Chris Dyer, Eastern Suffolk BOCES COO Dr. Julie Lutz, Southampton Sup't of Schools Dr. Scott Farina, and Assemblyman Fred Thiele, Jr.

Highlights of Minutes of April 1st 2015 Board Meeting

By Judy Samuelson

Information Items

The Hamptons League is applying for a state award in two categories, Youth Services and Fundraising/Special Events. Judy Samuelson is completing the applications.

Upcoming Events

- April 13 PIM: (Public Information Meeting) Education Committee presents a panel addressing school mergers.
- April 24: fundraiser luncheon with Gail Sheehy at Cowfish Restaurant.
- May 17: LWVH Annual meeting.
- June 8: PIM on drinking water choices.

Annual Members Meeting, May 17, 2015 at the Southampton Cultural Center

The following were reviewed and approved for presentation to the full membership:

- The annual proposed budget, 2015-2016
- The Nominating Committee submitted the new slate of officers
- The Bylaws and Non-Partisan Policy Committee presented suggested changes to both documents.

The Board reviewed and approved for presentation at the annual meeting.

Discussion Items

- State Convention is June 5 to 7, 2015. Carol Mellor and Sue Wilson will attend representing the State League. We will send Judy Samuelson, Judi Roth and Barbara McClancy.
- The Betty Desch Scholarship will be awarded at the annual meeting. The Education Committee is in the process of reviewing applications. The deadline for submissions is April 15, 2015.
- In light of the fact that National has raised the PMP by \$1.00, should we raise our annual dues? After a brief discussion the item was referred to the Membership Committee for review and presentation to the Board.
- The state League's proposed position update concerning the selection of state delegates for the 2017 NYS Constitutional Convention was discussed and unanimously approved.
- Southampton Village Mayor Mark Epley has raised the

issue of unifying different dates for local elections. This issue will be reviewed jointly by the Voter Services and Government committees. We are interested in pursuing this with other Suffolk County leagues.

- Judy Samuelson proposed eliminating the Calendar because the short lead time before publication and the fact that many events are separately highlighted makes the Calendar redundant. This proposal was approved.

Committee Reports

Special Events: The committee is reviewing the particulars for the Gail Sheehy lunch. They are planning an "Amazing Amagansett" tour in June. The fee will be \$45.00. The committee is just beginning to discuss a fall event and is open to any and all suggestions.

Voter Services. Anne Marshall and Carol Mellor were contacted by Joe Shaw, publisher of the Press Group about the committee's help in coordinating political debates. The Voter Services committee will discuss. Anne also reported that the committee covered four swearing in ceremonies for new citizens in March at the Federal Court House.

Education reports that two Southampton students will go to Students Inside Albany in June. They are also having a Students Inside Suffolk County program on two dates in October. One date will have students from the Hamptons and Brookhaven, the other students from Huntington and Smithtown.

The Membership Committee will meet on April 15 to col- late the annual mailing for renewals.

Public Relations: Arlene reports that the PIM Trustee meet- ing on March 9th was announced in Newsday and the Sag Harbor Express. Video of that meeting is currently in rota- tion on SeaTV. The Gail Sheehy lunch has been mentioned in local papers. Arlene's project to "Adopt a Road" has hit a snag. The proposed Bluff Rd. in Amagansett is already taken, but Pantigo Road is available. A popular bagel store and many East Hampton town offices are located on that road. The town will erect signs saying the LWV-H adopted the road and they will provide the supplies needed to keep it clean. A motion was made to accept this change of venue, and was approved.

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LWVSC Board Meeting: Thursday June 18 at SCCC, Main St., Riverhead

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LWVSC Annual Convention Tuesday, May 5, 2015 11:30am-2:30pm The Cooperage Inn, 2218 Sound Ave, Baiting Hollow, NY

After a winter we'd all like to forget, celebrate spring with a pleasant drive to this "Quaint American-Continental eatery using local produce & set in a country-style dining room".

Speaker: Suffolk County Legislator Al Krupski, 1st LD

We've asked Leg. Krupski to speak with us about his experience in the Suffolk County Legislature; about the challenges and rewards of being a Legislator; the issues which are most important to the citizens of Suffolk County; and share some insights into what he expects to be the significant or urgent issues in the coming year.

Cost: \$35 LWV members in advance; \$40 at door for LWV members and all non-members

Send check before April 24 (made out to LWV of Suffolk County) to:
Naomi Epstein, 3 Winterberry Lane, East Hampton NY 11937

Tentative Agenda:

11:30- checking in, having coffee/soft drinks and cash-bar wine/drinks, settling in
12:00- three course meal (appetizer and entree between 12 and 12:45)
Leg. Krupski remarks while we are having dessert
LWVSC annual meeting 1:30 - 2:30

LWV advocates that the Board of Elections (and Governor and Legislature) consider:

- How to modernize our voter registration system in NYS
- How to help county boards of elections encourage voter participation and satisfaction both through changes in law and through increased state funding

LWVSC Board Meeting with Suffolk County Board of Elections on April 15

Ten LWVSC board members spent two hours with our county BOE to discuss a variety of issues including the NYVoter statewide voter database, early voting, electronic poll books, voter registration processes and enhancements, special elections, notifications to voters of upcoming elections, ballot design issues, ballot privacy and security, poll worker recruitment and training, election reporting, SC BOE's suffolkvotes.com website and the NYS BOE website elections.ny.gov and possible enhancements, responsibilities of the county and state BOEs, budget and funding issues, and the election calendar. We learned that the BOE has no control over the administration and scheduling of village, library, and special district elections, and no longer owns any lever machines (they were sold for scrap).

We were most appreciative of the presence of Commissioner Anita Katz (D) as well as two Democratic, one Republican, and one Conservative representative of the SC BOE. (Unfortunately the new Republican Commissioner, Nick LaLota, was not present at our meeting.)

Our discussions were frank and engaging but ultimately disappointing since a great many of the improvements that we are lobbying for can only be changed via NYS Legislative action -such as the primary schedule as well as the requirement for the full face ballot which severely limits the legibility and design of not only the ballots, but also the type of voting machine available (an example- the full face paper ballot in 2015 for the towns of East Hampton and Southampton will be 30+” long). The SC BOE feels that New York State will be one of the last states to embrace innovation in voter registration, and feel that early voting is costly, complicated, and unlikely to be implemented.



Food Safety Ideas

By Joanne McEvoy-Samborn
Source unknown,

MEASURING CUPS

Before pouring sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill with hot water. Spill out the hot water, but do not dry the cup. Next, add the ingredient, such as peanut butter, and watch how easily it comes right out.

FOGGY WINDSHIELDS

Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of the car. When the windows fog up, rub the eraser across the window.

REOPENING ENVELOPES

If you seal an envelope and then you need to include something else inside, just place the sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two. Viola, it unseals easily.

CONDITIONER

Use your hair conditioner to shave legs. It's cheaper than shaving cream and leaves your legs really smooth. It is also a great way to use up a conditioner that you bought but do not like when you tried it on your hair.

GET RID OF ANTS

Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They take it "home", they cannot digest it and so it kills them. It might take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't have to worry about pets or small children being harmed by insecticides.

Meeting our Students Who Are Going to Albany

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Brothers. Both students are very excited to go to Albany, to meet other students and to learn about the legislative process. This is Southampton's year – a few years ago the Education Committee decided that it is easier to select two students from the same school to go to Albany to facilitate their travel arrangements. SIA will take place from May 17-20.

We also had the chance to get to meet Director of Guidance,

Kim Rodriguez, who was helpful to making the student selection. Ms. Rodriguez wrote of Sarah and Will: "They are extraordinary young people who make us proud on a regular basis – outstanding in academics, character, dedication, work ethic and selfless service". We also talked with Ms. Rodriguez about the planned "Students Inside Suffolk County" program and she even called the school business office while we were there to find out how the 5 East End schools could share bus transportation to take some 25 students to Hauppauge in October – and found out it can be done!

Nancy and I had a wonderful conversation with Amy Pierson, Sarah's mother, who works for the school district and had arranged for a reporter from the Southampton Press to come and take some photos of us and the kids. Our conversation turned to school mergers, the difference between being "born here" and only living here "30 years" to the timing of school board elections. Mrs. Pierson, provided us with the photo used here and wrote to me:

"Judi, it was such a pleasure to meet you and Nancy yesterday! As Sarah's mom I am very excited that she will have this opportunity and am thankful to your organization for making this happen for her and Will." All in all a wonderful way to spend a rainy afternoon!

Highlights of April 1st, 2015 Board Meeting

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Natural Resources and Health Committees: The PIM on June 8 is called "Drinking Water: Faucet, Filter or Bottled - Informed Choices." The panel will consist of a representative from SCWA on testing, the SC Health Department on testing wells, a representative from water filter manufacturers and someone from the bottled water industry. There will also be a water tasting event, comparing the different types of water. The event will be at the Parrish Hall at Southampton Hospital at 6:30 PM.



Annual Meeting Nominating Committee Report

Name	Position	Term
Glorian Berk	Co-President	2015 - 2017
Judy Samuelson	Co-President	2015 - 2017
Estelle Gellman	Vice-President	2015 - 2017
Arlene Hinkemeyer	Vice-President	2015 - 2017
Barbara McClancy	Recording Secretary	2015 - 2017
Naomi Epstein	Elected Director	2015 - 2017
Valerie King	Elected Director	2015 - 2017
Susan Wilson	Elected Director	2015 - 2017
Afton DiSunno	Nominating Committee Co-Chair	2015 - 2016
Vicki Umans	Nominating Committee Co-Chair	2015 - 2016
Marilyn Montgomery	Nominating Committee Member	2015 - 2016

Appointed Directors - To serve 1-year terms at the discretion of the Board: Joy Cordery, Judi Roth, Joanne McEvoy-Samborn, Cathy Peacock, Sue Bieger, Kaye Umana

Nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting with the consent of the nominee.

Respectfully Submitted: Nancy Walters-Yvertes, Ann Sandford, Barbara McClancy, Joanne McEvoy-Samborn

If the above slate is approved, the LWVH Board June 2015 to May 31, 2016 would be:

Name	Position	Term
Glorian Berk	Co-President	2015 - 2017
Judy Samuelson	Co-President	2015 - 2017
Estelle Gellman	Vice President	2015 - 2017
Arlene Hinkemeyer	Vice President	2015 - 2017
Ursula Lynch	Vice President	2014 - 2016
Gladys Remler	Vice President	2014 - 2016
Emoke Boldvay	Treasurer	2014 - 2016
Barbara McClancy	Recording Secretary	2015 - 2017
Naomi Epstein	Elected Director	2015 - 2017
Valerie King	Elected Director	2015 - 2017
Anne Marshall	Elected Director	2014 - 2016
Susan Wilson	Elected Director	2015 - 2017
Sue Bieger	Appointed Director	2015 - 2016
Joy Cordery	Appointed Director	2015 - 2016
Joanne McEvoy-Samborn	Appointed Director	2015 - 2016
Cathy Peacock	Appointed Director	2015 - 2016
Judi Roth	Appointed Director	2015 - 2016
Kaye Umana	Appointed Director	2015 - 2016

2016 Nominating Committee: Non-Board members: Co-Chairs Afton DiSunno and Vicki Umans; Marilyn Montgomery. Two board representatives will be appointed by the board.

Calendar

May 2015

Change in Format of The Voter

Many of you may have noticed that the Calendar of Events which customarily has appeared on the next-to-last page of the Voter was different in the April issue. We hope you liked the change. As noted in that issue, committee meeting dates are often not available at the time of publication and therefore often missing from the calendar. Committee Chairs are the best source of information for meeting dates and their numbers and emails are listed on the last inside page of the Voter. This information is also on our website, www.lwvhamptons.org.

The Board discussed and decided that printing Town Board meeting dates each month is information easily found on-line on Town websites, www.town.east-hampton.ny.us and www.southamptontownny.gov.

We hope to be able to use this extra space by allowing our committee chairs to publish the longer articles they tend to write and to include more details about upcoming events. As always we welcome your thoughts and ideas on these topics and solicit articles you would like to submit.

May 2015			
Tuesday, May 5 11:30 am – 2:30 pm	Suffolk County Annual Meeting	Cooperage Inn Calverton, NY	Guest speaker is County Legislator Al Krupski. Price is \$35 in advance; \$40 at the door. See Suffolk County article in this issue for where to send check.
Sunday, May 17 1 pm – 3 pm	LWVH Annual Meeting	Southampton Cultural Center 2 Pond Lane, Southampton	Guest Speaker US Representative Lee Zeldin. Join us to hear our new Congressman and take part in voting for officers, by-law changes, etc. Refreshments served.
Monday, June 8 6:30 – 8:30	Public Information Meeting	Parrish Hall, Southampton Hospital	“Drinking Water: Faucet, Filter or Bottled - Informed Choices.” The panel will consist of a representative from SCWA on water testing, the SC Health Department on testing wells, a representative from water filter manufacturers and someone from the bottled water industry. There will also be a water tasting event, comparing the different types of water.
Friday, June 5-7	LWV State Convention	Desmond Hotel, Albany, NY	Biennial convention to forge relationships and learn best practices. Election of officers and directors and voting on by-laws. LWVH has submitted work of Education and Special Events committees for awards. LWVH will be represented by Judy Samuelson, Judi Roth and Barbara McClancy as well as state members Carol Mellor and Sue Wilson.

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